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AIRPORT HOTEL OPENS

ORLANDO, FL....The Orlando International Airport has officially opened its new 450-room airport hotel, located inside the terminal and operated under a management agreement with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts Corporation.

The Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport is part of the airport's nearly one billion dollar Phase II expansion project which began in 1988 and included expansion of the main terminal, a third airside with 24 gates, additional commuter gates and an international arrivals facility. The hotel's cost is approximately \$68.5 million.

"The hotel has long been part of our master-plan for this airport," said Jeff Fuqua, Chairman of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. "Recognizing that 50 percent of our deplaning passengers are business travellers, we can now offer a new business venue right here at the airport."

The hotel's focal point is a dramatic 42,160-square-foot atrium which serves as a thoroughfare for passengers and hotel guests. Beginning on the terminal's fourth level, the hotel literally wraps around this expansive multi-use area. Levels one through three house airline operation activities.

The hotel is easily accessible from the airport roadway system. A first floor motor court offers valet parking and luggage service. Within the terminal, the hotel is accessible via elevator or escalator from level three, the main passenger concourse.

Registration, ballroom and meeting facilities are located on level four. All guest rooms are soundproofed and feature views of the indoor atrium or the outdoor airfields and surrounding Florida environment of foliage, lakes, and waterways.

The Hyatt offers two restaurants, including McCoy's Bar and Grill, honoring Orlando's historical designation as McCoy Air Force Base, named for Colonel Michael McCoy.

According to Fuqua, the hotel design includes outstanding features for business travellers. Rooms are equipped with desks and dual phone lines for fax and computer hook-ups. Meeting rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art audio visual equipment and are supported by two fully-staffed business centers, one in the hotel and one in the terminal. A 126-seat amphitheater features revolving stage components and booths for simultaneous language translation.

A spectacular 26 foot fountain encircled by mosaic tiles and reader boards with the latest flight information are unique features of the atrium level where nearby glass enclosed shuttles whisk passengers to airline gates within a matter of minutes.

Other highlights include two beautifully landscaped indoor atriums and a diverse art collection that includes paintings, sculpture and period furnishings.

The Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport is owned by the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority which operates Orlando International Airport.

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